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Marginal Column

By "COMMENTATOR"

ONE of the closest and most reliable observers of the Russian scene in the twenties, Paul Schaffer, once wrote that a new period in Soviet history began in the days immediately following Lenin's death. The deification of Lenin, his embalment, the pilgrimages to the mausoleum and the entire Lenin cult opened a new era. Such a development appears unlikely after Stalin's death; he had been deified in his own lifetime: "Thou who didst give birth to man, thou who didst make fertile the earth, thou who dost rejuvenate the centuries, thou who givest blossom to the spring..." Capital letters were the order of the day for all pronouns and attributes where Stalin was concerned. There had been nothing like it in human history since Nectanebo the Third, Pharaoh of all Egyptians.

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WE shall soon be told that there is a new *primus inter pares* — the best, closest and most faithful disciple of the immortal Stalin. This disciple will slowly emerge as Omniscient, Illustrious and Victorious, and in the end it will be his turn to give birth to man and make fertile the earth. To build up such a leader, to transfer all the attributes of Stalin to his successor, will take some time, but it is not too difficult a task in a regime with its monopoly of all propaganda channels and of mass communication.

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AND then the big purge will start again. The other day I saw a book published in Moscow in March, 1924, and dedicated to the memory of Lenin. It contained contributions from the 26 Soviet leaders closest to Lenin. All but five died an unnatural death. Of those five, all but two, Stalin and Yaroslavski, had left politics "for good" after Lenin's death. It would be highly unrealistic to expect a very different development now, or rather during the next two or three years. The man to emerge as the ruler of all Russia and of Progressive Mankind will have to eliminate all those who had been at one time closer to Stalin than himself, also all his one time equals until the *primus* purges the pares.

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ONE should not assume, however, that these internal developments in Russia will cause the new Leader to withdraw, even partially or temporarily, from world politics. On the contrary: He will feel obliged to prove that he is a worthy successor of the great Stalin, at all times the guardian of the Empire. Stalin could afford to be conciliatory at times, at least outwardly, particularly if it cost him nothing. Stalin could even make minor concessions, but it is doubtful whether his successor will. It is to be feared that Russia's internal crisis will not lead to lessening of world tension: on the contrary...

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AFTER Lenin's death, Stalin appeared at the Second Soviet Congress and promised in a solemn and extremely detailed oath that he would faithfully preserve and carry out the will of the founder of the party. (Lenin's political testament, to be sure, has not been published to this day.) We shall know in due course about the fate of Stalin's political testament: Everybody will do his utmost in the coming years to show that he is in the tradition of the great Stalin and acting in the spirit of his teaching. But many interpretations are possible, and the future development of Stalinism might be not less startling than what became of Marxism-Leninism in Soviet Russia.

Jerusalem, March 8.

Anglo-U.S. Accord Reached on Persia

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — A joint communique on Anglo-American political talks issued here today said the U.S. and Britain were agreed that the proposals presented to Iran on the oil problem "are reasonable and fair." It also said that Iran, if agreement is reached, would have funds placed at her disposal to meet her "immediate financial problems."

It added that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles reaffirmed the importance of preventing the shipment of strategic materials to Communist China and that Britain has decided to "take additional steps designed to ensure that no ships of the Soviet bloc or any other nationality carrying strategic cargoes to China should be accommodated in a British port."

Britain has decided to introduce a new system of licensing British vessels so that strategic materials from non-British sources could not be carried to China in British ships.

In addition to discussions on economic and financial problems, the two Ministers discussed international political developments that have taken place since their conversations in London early in February. One such exchange of views, regarded developments in the Soviet Union, and another was the proposed treaty for the European Defence Community. Both countries are concerned that the treaty be ratified as soon as possible so as to provide further continental unity which is essential to the most effective operation of NATO, the communique said.

They also considered the situation in the Middle East with particular reference to the major problems in the area and were in agreement on the urgency of furthering constructive solutions in the interests of all concerned.

The communique said that under arrangements made for common defence, the U.S. has the use of certain bases in the U.K. A prior understanding was confirmed, it was said, that the use of these bases in an emergency would be a matter for joint decision by the U.K. and the U.S. in the light of circumstances prevailing at the time.

Martial Law In Lahore

KARACHI, Friday (Reuter). — Martial law was today proclaimed in riot-torn Lahore, where Police again fired on violent religious demonstrators. Other riot squads and troops in battle order struggled to control the situation with baton charges and tear gas.

Shouting crowds paraded through the streets calling for the resignation of Foreign Minister Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan and demanding that the "modernist" Ahmadiya sect to which he belongs be declared a minority. Some of the demonstrators attacked vehicles and their occupants. Others tried to set fire to buildings.

Troops were deployed all over the paralyzed city. Shops were barred and shuttered, transport almost completely dislocated. Employers of the telegraph and other public services came out on strike and troops took their place.

The Ahmadiya sect which the demonstrations are against is regarded as heretical by some orthodox Moslems. It was formed 50 years ago to interpret the Koran on modern lines.

India M.P.'s Arrested For Hindu Agitation

NEW DELHI, Saturday (Reuter). — Police here yesterday arrested three leaders of Indian political parties — all members of Parliament — and 19 others who tried to lead a mass procession in support of Hindu agitation in Jammu Kashmir.

Tear gas bombs were used to break up the crowds of about 1,000. Those arrested were Syamaprased Mookerjee, head of the Janasangh party; Mr. N. C. Chatterjee, president of the Hindu Mahasa party, and Nandual Sharma, General-Secretary of the Ram Rajya Parishad party. All three parties are Hindu right wing.

Organizers of the demonstration had announced they would carry in the processions urns containing the ashes of 11 people killed by Police in Jammu during the past three months.

About 1000 people have been arrested in Jammu since the Hindu agitation began.

East Germany, Egypt Sign Trade Treaty

CAIRO, Saturday (UP). — A one-year bilateral trade agreement was signed by Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi and Fritz Kleb, head of the East German delegation, here today. The agreement, which will be automatically renewed after a year unless either side advises to the contrary, includes the export to Germany of Egyptian cotton, flax, linen, phosphate and other goods, and the import of German products such as electrical equipment, chemicals, transport equipment, paper, fertilizers, etc. The two countries will grant each other most favoured nation treatment, but Egypt made her treatment to the Arab League states and to Lybia an exception, while East Germany excluded certain unspecified countries.

The agreement is effective as from today.

'53 BOND DRIVE OPENS IN U.S.

By Jesse Zel Lurie, POST Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — Forces in America wanting to compete with the Soviet Union for the favour of the Arab states by "sacrificing Israel" may influence the Administration to change its Middle East policy, Senator Herbert Lehman warned 400 Jewish leaders at the Bond Conference here tonight.

The three-day conference, which opened yesterday, inaugurated the 1953 campaign for the sale of Israel Bonds.

Ambassador Abba Eban, at the Executive Committee meeting yesterday, is understood to have told the leaders that the highest officials in the Administration assured him that American friendship and aid for Israel would continue. But well-based reports by writers with close contacts in the lower echelons of the State Department say assistance to Israel must be reduced in order to improve relations with the Arabs. These reports prove, as Mr. Lehman said, a change of a "deadly serious nature" which we must combat "not as Jews but as Americans dedicated to freedom, democracy and humanity."

Mr. Lehman as well as other speakers tonight — Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister without Portfolio, Professor Nelson Glueck, President of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Mr. Benjamin A[illegible], Chairman of the New York Bond Sales Committee; and Mrs Judith Epstein, Chairman of the Bonds' Women's Division, — stressed the importance of Bonds in strengthening Israel's economy and in meeting Soviet and Arab threats.

While world attention is centred on the change of power in the Soviet Union and its continued offensive against the Jews and Israel, Mrs. Epstein warned, "We must not lose sight of an intensified anti-Israel propaganda war launched in recent weeks by the Arab states."

Arab propagandists, however, have not been too successful in securing the lengthy list of arms demanded by Egypt. After intensive efforts by the Israelis, the Americans cut out jet planes, tanks and other offensive weapons, and reduced the remainder to 31m. to be purchased on credit. With this victory is due to Israel's diplomacy, the primary objective of Israelis is to convince Americans not to sell any arms to the Arabs until peace is negotiated.

Mr. Lehman said tonight that those who sell arms to Arabs without assuring peace in the Middle East "are playing fast and loose with America's security".

EBAN SEES BYROADE

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, called on Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Mr. Henry Byroade yesterday for a 50-minute talk. Mr. Eban said that the meeting was routine.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Australians continued their swing towards Labour in State elections yesterday, the Labour Party holding Queensland with an increased majority and gaining seats in South Australia.

Malenkov Succeeds Stalin; Molotov, Beria, Bulganin, Kaganovitch are Deputy Premiers

Stalin Dies After Four Days In Coma; Funeral Set for Tomorrow

MOSCOW, Saturday. — Marshal Joseph Vissarionovitch Stalin, 73, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and Chairman of the Council of Ministers, died in his Kremlin apartment at 9.50 on Thursday evening, four days after he was struck by a cerebral hemorrhage. He never regained consciousness. The funeral will be held at noon on Monday, climaxing a four-day mourning period.

Relatives at his bedside when he died were his third wife, Rosa, sister of Deputy Premier Lazar Kaganovitch; his daughter, Svetlana, and his son, Vassili, the children of his second wife who died 20 years ago.

The coffin was borne yesterday 300 metres from the Kremlin to the glittering Hall of Columns in the House of Trade Unions where many Communist leaders, including Lenin, have lain in state. An hour later thousands of mourners began to climb the long-carpeted staircase to the first floor hall where the coffin rests on a high bier under floodlights.

A funeral commission was appointed, and is headed by Nikita Krushev, President of the Ukrainian Council of the People's Commissaars. Other members include Deputy Premier Kaganovitch, the President of the Soviet Union, Nikolai Shvernik, the Mayor of Moscow, A. Yasnov, the Moscow Military Commandant, Marshal A. Vasilevsky, General [illegible]remyev and N. Pegov, of the Communist Party Presidium.

Stands Guard

Georgi Malenkov, Russia's new Premier, was the first to stand guard over the body. He was followed at five-minute intervals by the members of the new 10-man Presidium. Music played continually — Chopin's funeral march was played over and over again. At one point a boys' choir sang a requiem, reminiscent of those sung for the dead Czars of the old regime.

The line of mourners stretched 16 kilometres through Moscow's streets waiting to pay their last respects. They moved 16 abreast in orderly silence from points in the city suburbs that converged on Red Square. It was believed to be the greatest demonstration of mourning ever seen in the capital.

As they approached the building they saw hung outside the Hall a huge portrait of their dead leader framed in gold. The mourners entered two abreast.

The staircase on which were potted palms decorated with red bunting led up to the long marble-columned vestibule lined with a forest of wreaths, some as large as a man. Dozens of crystal chandeliers lighted the vestibule and the main hall which were draped in transparent black crepe.

Military Dress

Stalin's body was visible from the waist upward in the open coffin. The Marshal's service and order ribbons formed two rows on the left breast of the tan military tunic in which he was dressed.

Flowers blanketed the coffin from the waist down and were banked around the bier. A giant portrait gilded in a black-bordered frame hung behind the coffin. An enormous spotlight on the picture cast a shadow over the deceased's face.

Around the coffin four soldiers representing the branches of the armed services stood at attention flanked by a dozen civilians, wearing black armbands, who made up the civilian guard of honour.

The air was saturated with the scent of the flowers.

The diplomatic corps led by the doyen, Mr. Rolf Sohlman, of Sweden, gathered in the bitter sub-zero weather in the square opposite the Kremlin gate. The American group of 100 was led by the Charge d'Affaires and included the wives and children of the Embassy employees.

The diplomatic procession took more than an hour to pass through the slow-moving tens of thousands of mourners. The walk ordinarily takes two minutes. The procession passed the American Embassy where the Stars and Stripes fluttered at half staff.

Throughout the capital black-bordered red flags fluttered at half mast. The streets were white with snow. The people of Moscow had kept an all-night vigil by their radios which first told them the news at 6.05 a.m. yesterday. But by then the news was already in the rest of the world's newspapers. It had been picked up through the reports to Russian provincial newspapers broadcast by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The autopsy performed on Stalin indicated that no doctor could have saved his life after the massive hemorrhage struck the left side of his brain, Moscow Radio said today. The findings confirmed the diagnosis made by the nine professors and physicians attending Stalin. The hemorrhage destroyed the vital functions of the brain, and affected his breathing and blood circulation. There were also numerous hemorrhages in the heart muscles and in the mucous membranes of the stomach and intestines. The autopsy report was signed by the Minister of Health, A. F. Tretyakov, and eight other leading medical authorities.

(UP, Reuter)

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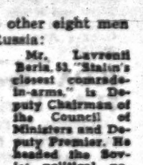
Presidium Reduced to 10 Members

MOSCOW, Saturday. — The Soviet Union today enters a new era with a "streamlined" hierarchy under 51-year-old Georgi Malenkov, appointed Prime Minister within 24 hours of Stalin's death. Round-faced, heavy-jowled and corpulent, Mr. Malenkov is known as the man with the "card-index" brain. He already holds the key position of senior Secretary in the Soviet Communist Party which rules Russia. His swift appointment was followed equally rapidly by sweeping changes in the Government with the creation of a ten-man Presidium instead of the 36 under Stalin.

All ten are over 50. Premier Malenkov is the youngest of the lot. Marshal Klimenti Voroshilov at 72 is the oldest. The latter was one of Stalin's closest associates in the revolutionary days and builder of the Red Army. He becomes Pre-



MALENKOV

sident of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, a post which corresponds loosely to President of the USSR and in which he replaces Mr. Nikolai Shvernik.

These are the other eight men who will rule Russia:

BERIA

Mr. Lavrenti Beria, 53, "Stalin's closest comrade-in-arms," is Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Deputy Premier. He headed the Soviet political police and internal security organization for eight years and is now Minister for Internal Affairs.

Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, 62, the U.S.S.R.'s mouthpiece to the rest of the world as Foreign Minister from 1939-49. Western powers nicknamed him "Mr. No," because he was scarcely ever heard to say "yes." He gets back his post of Foreign Minister and is a Deputy Premier.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, 57, another Deputy Premier, becomes also War Minister. He is a "political General" and diplomat. He holds the rank of Marshal but never com-

VOROSHILOV

MOLOTOV

manded an army in the field. Combining ability and loyalty to the Party won him high office. He "made" himself in 1941 when, as a member of the Military Council for the western front, he organized the defence of Moscow. His father was a factory clerk.

Mr. Lazar Kaganovich, 59, the fourth Deputy Premier to the only Jew left in the "upper ten." He is reported to be Stalin's brother-in-law. His reputation for energy and ruthless efficiency made him known as the Kremlin's "human dynamo" and the "trouble shooter."

Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, 59, holds the Order of Lenin and comes from a Ukrainian mining family. As Secretary of the Moscow Committee of the Communist Party he criticised Party members last October for failing to pay proper attention to ideological work. He is now relieved of the secretaryship to concentrate on his work on the Central Committee.

Mr. Maxim Saburov takes over the new Ministry of Machine-Building which combines the old Ministries of Motorcar and Tractor industries, Machine-Building and Tool and Instrument Making, Agricultural Machinery and Machine Tools. He is a planner, Chairman of the State Planning Commission since 1949 and "author" of the fifth Soviet five-year plan presented last October.

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Power Concentrated In a Few Hands

POST Political Correspondent

The sweeping reshuffle in both party and state leadership in Moscow — less than 24 hours after Stalin's death — reveals a clear tendency towards the concentration of power in a few hands and the almost complete fusion of state and party leadership. Georgi Malenkov, who has taken over from Stalin (with Lavrenti Beria as a close second), appears to have very different notions from those of the late Soviet leader with regard to the organization of work and the distribution of functions. Otherwise, such wholesale changes would hardly be necessary, even if Mr. Malenkov really wished to prevent "panic", as stated in an official communiqué.

Fourteen of the 25 members of the party presidium elected last October have been ousted, as have seven of the 11 alternate members. The all-powerful secretariat of the party has been virtually abolished: three of the 10 Communist leaders who formed it remain, but none of them belong to the central party leadership.

'Old Bolsheviks' Out

Among those ousted two groups can be easily discerned: one consists of "old Bolsheviks" like Kuusinen and Shkiryatov, whose loyalty to Stalin was the main reason for their appointment. The same goes for Marshal Voroshilov who has remained in the presidium, but is demoted to Deputy Prime Minister and appointed to the utterly unimportant post of President of the Supreme Soviet.

A second group consists of the young "ideologues," such as Suslov and Chesnokov, who have also been ousted from the presidium, probably because of Malenkov's known aversion to people who quote Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin too frequently.

The newcomers are V. V. Kuznetzov, who has been appointed Deputy Foreign Minister and Marshal Zhukov who is back (after a prolonged period of disgrace — 1946-52 — caused by his great popularity) as Deputy Minister of Defence under the former head of the Soviet State Bank, Marshal Bulganin. Nothing is known of the head of the State Planning Commission, Kosmychenko, who was the only minister not to be elected a member of the party central committee last October.

Four Return

Beria, Molotov, Bulganin and Mikoyan, who left their executive posts in the Soviet Government in 1949 in a campaign launched by Marshal Stalin to draw a dividing line between the state and the party apparatus, have all returned to their former positions — suggesting that Mr. Malenkov regards the division as artificial and anachronistic.

The changes probably have been long in preparation; Marshal Stalin's death has provided the occasion for their implementation.

The fusion of the two Soviet security services (MVD and MGB) under Beria is throwing in clear contradiction to Stalin's line, which was one of divide et impera even in his own party. This step is clearly a personal victory for Beria, who is now advanced to undisputed second place in the Soviet hierarchy, after having been dropped to fifth in the last months of Marshal Stalin's life.

The decisions published yesterday will have legal force only after they are approved by the Supreme Soviet, which has been summoned to meet on March 15.

Molotov Ministry To Seek Peace

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Soviet Foreign Ministry said today Soviet diplomats would aim at developing cooperation with all countries "against a war and for peace in the whole world."

This first statement from the Ministry since Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov returned to his post of Foreign Minister was reported in a TASS message received in London today.

It said, "the immortal name of Stalin will always inspire Soviet diplomats, whose aim will be to strengthen the prestige of the peace-loving Soviet Union, to strengthen and cultivate brotherly friendship with the people's democracies, to develop cooperation and business-like ties with all countries against a war and for peace in the whole world."

Soviet Stand On Korea Unchanged

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (Reuter). — In the first Russian political speech in the United Nations since the announcement of the new regime in Moscow, Soviet delegate Valerian Zorin today reiterated in the Political Committee Soviet demands for ending the Korean war.

He again demanded an immediate cease-fire and the transfer of the war prisoners issue, now in stalemate, to a political conference.

U.S. delegate Cabot Lodge said, "We refuse to support a cease-fire which will leave thousands of prisoners in Communist hands."

Mr. Lodge said the non-Communist world intended to stand by the Indian resolution adopted by the General Assembly last December.

Indian delegate Krishna Menon said the most important characteristic of the Indian resolution had been that the release and repatriation of prisoners of war should be effected in accordance with the Geneva convention.

Soviet Ambassador to Britain Andrei Gromyko arrived here today to head the Russian delegation to the U.N. General Assembly in the absence of former Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinski who returned home yesterday aboard the s.s. Liberte. Mr. Vyshinsky sailed just as Moscow announced that he is to be the new penrmanent U.N. envoy.

The former Foreign Minister accompanied by Mr. Georgi Zarubin, Ambassador to the U.S. and Mr. A. Soldatov, member of the U.N. delegation, appeared before the U.N. Political Committee before leaving.

The opening of the meeting was delayed while delegates lined up to shake Mr. Vyshinski's hand and to express their condolences. The Committee stood for one minute of silence out of respect to Stalin.

The Committee chairman, Joao Muniz of Brazil said:

"I ask the distinguished Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union to accept and to convey to his government and people our condolences for the passing of Generalissimo Joseph V. Stalin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R."

Afterwards, Mr. Vyshinsky addressed the Committee and expressed the "great sorrow of the peace-loving peoples and of progressive mankind."

"The foreign policy of the Soviet Union and our party inspired by a great leader and teacher has been and continues to be unswerving policy of maintenance and strengthening of peace, of the struggle against the unleashing of a new war and of developing business-like relations with all countries."

Request Council Meeting

Britain and France today requested the U.N. Security Council to meet early next week to consider the nomination of a new Secretary-General of the world organization.

Round-the-World Reaction

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Reaction in the non-Communist world to Stalin's death ranged from deep sympathy to "official" regrets among those who considered Stalin a tyrant.

President Eisenhower sent a one-sentence message of "official" condolences to the Soviet Government with the coldest possible formality.

In contrast India's Premier Jawaharal Nehru termed Stalin a man of great "stature" whose influence "was generally exercised in favour of peace." His message of regret said, "A personality of exceptional gifts and great achievements" had been removed from the world.

Pope Pius prayed in his private chapel for the soul of the "great persecutor who is now dead."

Prime Minister Churchill, now the last of the wartime "Big Three," made no comment and officials said indications were that he was unlikely to make a statement.

Attlee Comment

Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labour Party and former Socialist Prime Minister, said there would be "world-wide sympathy with the Russian people at the loss of a great national leader who by his courage and tenacity brought his country through the perils of the Second World War and played a great part in defeating the Nazis."

These were the comments from world leaders:

Mr. Lester Pearson (Canada) as President of the United Nations General Assembly: "With his passing the United Nations has lost one of its founders and the Soviet peoples the man who was their indomitable leader in the common struggle against Nazi aggression."

Chiang Kai-Shek, the Chinese nationalist leader: "We believe Stalin's death will bring no immediate change in the course of world affairs. Russian Communists work to an iron-bound time table which Stalin made".

French Premier, René Mayer expressed the hope that "which is called for by the disappearance of the great statesman and leader of the glorious Soviet army".

M. Paul Henri Spaak, leader of the European Assembly: "The impact of this great event cannot be assessed immediately. For us Europeans the change in the East is an added incentive to unite Europe".

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said nobody could predict Russia's political development now. He called on the free peoples of Europe to stand by each other. "The uncertainty of the new situation forces the free peoples more than ever before to conduct a clear and decided policy".

Former President Truman who met Stalin at the 1944 Potsdam Conference said: "I am always sorry to hear of the passing of an acquaintance of mine. Further than that I have nothing to say".

Mr. Tage Erlander, Swedish Prime Minister, said Stalin was "the object of devoted worship of millions of people. Millions of others have regarded him with bitterness and fear. No one was indifferent to him".

Egyptian Premier Nagib told reporters, "I beg Almighty God to bless the soul of the great man beloved by 200m people. Stalin was a rare hero and his name shall remain among history's heroes of extraordinary talent. What he did for the glory and greatness of his country in the Second World War shall never be forgotten. It was well known he loved a policy of peace and I believe the entire world will be sorry for the death of a great man who devoted his life to the last for the service of his people".

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. A. Butler, would only comment, "There will always be a Russia".

Pantheon to House Stalin, Lenin Coffins

MOSCOW, Saturday (UP). — A pantheon is to be built to house the stone coffins of Joseph Stalin and V. I. Lenin, Mocow Radio reported today.

Israel Sends No Official Regrets

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Israel will be one of the few countries in the world not to be represented at the funeral of Marshal Stalin. No official cables have been sent by the Government to the Kremlin because no diplomatic relations now exist between the two countries.

Israel flags are not being flown at half-mast over Government buildings here. Buildings housing diplomatic representations of East European countries are flying large black flags under their national colours.

Headquarters of the Communist Party and Mapam here also flew black mourning streamers upon the announcement of Stalin's death, while mourning posters issued by Maki, the Communist Youth League, Mapam and Sneh's "Left Faction" were posted up in town.

Maki leaders here tonight would not state wether they had tried to go to Moscow to attend the funeral.

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Social & Personal

Mr. Juan C. Aritzi, Charge d'Affaires of Uruguay in Israel, left by El Al on Thursday for a two-months' visit home for consultations with his government. Also aboard the plane was Mr. Avraham Salmon, First Secretary at the Israel Legation in Stockholm who returned to his post after a visit to Israel in connection with the negotiations for the renewal of the Israel-Finnish commercial agreement.

Mr. Ehud Avriel, Director General of the Finance Ministry, is to leave for England in the middle of April at the invitation of the Joint Palestine Appeal in that country.

Mr. Moshe Kol, active worker of the World Hebrew Union in Canada, has arrived for a visit.

The symposium of Haifa members of the liberal professions will be continued at 8 tonight at the Technion, Room 80.

Dr. A. Halperin is to speak on "Spectroscopy in the Service of Astronomy" under the auspices of U.S. Jerusalem Amateur Astronomers Association at 8.15 this evening at Ratisbonne Hall in Jerusalem.

Prof. E. Bickel of the Eidgenoessische Technische Hochschule of Zurich, will deliver a guest lecture on "Surface Roughness (Definition and Measurement)" under the auspices of the Technion (Haifa) at 8 p.m. today, at the Technion (Room 81).

OBITUARY

Sarah Simon passed away yesterday morning, Adar 20, in her home in Jerusalem. She is mourned by two daughters, Leah Astruc and Miriam Schwartz, and three sons, Joshua, Eliav and Moshe Simon. The funeral will leave from her home, 59 King George Avenue, at 11 o'clock this morning.

ICOA Credits Reach $1.4m. During Fortnight

Imports of food and essential raw materials bought on a credit basis by the ICOA, the Israel Corporation of America (a subsidiary of the Palestine Economic Corporation—U.S.) reached the record figure of $1.4m. during the last two weeks, it has been announced.

The largest single item is 9,000 tons of Canadian wheat, valued at $850,000, which was brought on the s.s. Pinios. Wire rods, copper wire, steel plates, galvanized sheets and construction steel arrived on the s.s. Hadar and Gefen as part of a $1.5m. metal consignment. The wire shipment is sufficient to meet a six-month supply.

Nylon yarn to the value of $220,000 for the Israel stocking export industry is expected this week. The s.s. Hashlosha brought a mixed cargo valued at $120,000 and the s.s. Tel Aviv will bring raw material for the manufacture of nails. Tanning extracts will be brought by the ICOA from the Argentine and South Africa to a value of $70,000.

NEW I.P.O. SCHEDULE

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. Eligi Weissenberg, the pianist, whose appearance with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra was delayed owing to his indisposition in Paris, is expected to arrive on Wednesday morning and appear with the I.P.O. the same evening.

The concert, due to have been held here tomorrow, will be held on Wednesday, and that due to have been held here on Monday is due for March 21. Both concerts will be under the baton of Paul Kletzki.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

at 4.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Royal Wedding.
EDEN: Young Men with Ideas. 4.30 & 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: Justice Has Been Done.
OR-GIL: Let Right Be Done (The Window Boy).
ORNA: A Streetcar Named Desire.
ORNA: The Battle of Anghiari Pass.
STUDIO: Henry the Fifth.
ZION: Jumping Jacks. (4.30 & 8.30 p.m. only).

'Olei Britannia' Review Two Years' Work at Meeting Today

By A. S. SUPER

The second annual conference of the various branches of the Hitachdut Olei Britannia is convening today in Tel Aviv. It is a little over two years since the first branch of this body was founded in Tel Aviv and it was quickly followed by similar organizations in Jerusalem and Haifa. The first annual conference was held some 18 months ago, and since then a very satisfactory record of growth and development has been marked. The Hitachdut is now in close touch with an Israel-wide network of settlements of Jews from Great Britain. It maintains contact with several Kibbutzim, three co-operative villages, two groups of young people doing their year of service in Israel and a large number if individuals scattered in remote points throughout the Yishuv.

The Hitachdut is dedicated to the task of helping British immigrants to become integrated as speedily and as completely as possible into the life of Israel; to promote social contacts and to assist in the various problems which confront the new immigrant. It is also specifically charged with the task of stimulating further immigration from Great Britain. It is in a very good position to do so because of the close relationship it has with the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, with the Halutz organization there and with the London offices of PATWA.

New Groups

It also makes immediate contact with new groups who come to arrive, such as the body of 80 *halutzim* who came from training farms in Britain this year and the 90 professional workers of all kinds who immigrated to essential tasks under the aegis of the PATWA Organization.

The annual conference last year charged the National Executive with the implementation of several resolutions designed to remove some of the many obstacles to immigration from Western countries. Most prominent of these was housing. Now the co-operation of the Government and the Jewish Agency has been secured in various schemes. The decision of these two authorities to make available wider mortgage facilities is one very practical step forward. Another has been the opening of the first hostel for new immigrants in Tel Aviv. Here rooms and a club house will be available for single persons until they establish themselves and find permanent accommodation. Similar hostels are nearing completion in Haifa and Jerusalem, and plans are already well matured for similar facilities for married couples.

Resolutions before the conference will re-emphasize these problems of housing, but even more welcome is the re-affirmation of the desire of the Olei Britannia to place their organization unreservedly at the disposal of the Zionist bodies in Great Britain both in regard to planning the drive for increased immigration now being organized there and in the lending of their advice and experience to those who contemplate *aliya*.

Immigrants from Britain have been placed by Providence in a more fortunate situation than the majority of immigrants from Eastern Europe and Oriental countries. They still have large circles of families and friends with whom they are in intimate contact. This can make a great difference to the rate of immigration from Western countries. A former member of a family in Britain successfully integrated into life in Israel is a far more potent argument for others to follow than volumes of propaganda, and a returning failure can likewise be just as decisive in retarding immigration.

In this connection it is to be hoped that the inter-ministerial committee which the Government set up some time ago to consider problems of Western *aliya* will speedily publish its report. It should also take into close consultation bodies such as the Olei Britannia and Olei America and other groups who in a short space of time have gathered up a valuable fund of experience and whose enthusiasm for the stimulation of immigration must be harnessed to this vital need.

Famagusta Mayor in Drive Against Parcel Export Ban

By SHAHE GUEBENLIAN
POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — Famagusta's Mayor, Adamos Adamandos joined his voice this week to the protests against the Government's ban on the despatch of food parcels to Israel as from March 25.

In a protest letter to the authorities Mr. Adamandos stressed that the ban will cause considerable hardship to Cyprus merchants who have large stocks of *kosher* meat which cannot be disposed of locally. Exports of local produce such as dry and fresh fruit will also be gravely hit, Mr. Adamandos has requested that the ban be reconsidered.

Meanwhile, the Food Parcel Export Association has made a final effort to obtain at least an extension of the time-limit before the ban is enforced. In a protest memorandum sent to the British Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Board of Trade, the association has explained the critical situation facing exporters here who have amassed large stocks of foodstuffs in anticipation of expanding business with Israel.

The exporters have pointed out that other countries in the Commonwealth are still allowed to carry on parcel trade with Israel and promised to confine their food imports to the Sterling area if a favourable decision were made.

The Cyprus authorities have made it clear that the ban was imposed following specific instructions from London. Informed quarters here believe that London's decision was prompted by the suspicion that the export of food parcels to Israel constitutes a sizable leak of Sterling into that country.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 41.9, 25.3 & 222 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.59, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30, 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8.00 a.m., 2.15 and 6.30 p.m. Turkish: 10.00 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.50 Oriental Music (R). 9.45 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work. 11.00 Music of the People (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.00 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 Concert Hall: Symphonic Scenes (Rhodenish); Piano: 5 Variations for Violin & Orchestra (Schumann); "The Seven Ages" (Cornmeister). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 5.00 Viola Recital: Rafael Brenmann. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.27 Programme Announcements. 7.30 Talk. 7.50 Programme. 8.00 Walk of Work. 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.40 "It Happened This Week."

8.50 Schubert Programme: String Quartets: Valsay Nobles. 10.00 Vocal Recital: David Halperin. 10.30 Interlude. 10.35 Recital. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

463, 225, 216, 41.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m.; 10.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Close Corner. 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.30 Literature Corner. 5.50 Music (R). 5.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Weekend: 11.30 "Personal Columns," by Walter Eytan. 11.35 Thought for Food.

ARMY PROGRAMMES: (44.6, 214, 379 & 725M.): 6.30 Opening. 7.00 Entrance Ticket. 7.30 Today's Troops. 7.45 Sports. 8.00 Chamber Music. 8.30 News. 9.45 L.S.F. Band. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (24.92 25.65 M.): 6.10-7.30 p.m. News, News Talk, Seven Chronicle.

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REVIEW OF FRIDAY'S PRESS:

New Budget Seen as Symbol Of Country's 'Economic Recovery'

The new budget presented to the Knesset by the Minister of Finance will perhaps one day be regarded as the budget of economic recovery, says "Davar" (Histadrut), noting that a large measure of courage was needed to adapt the budgets of the various government offices to our economy's capacity.

The fact that the C.o.L. index has risen by 61 points during the last fiscal year makes it imperative to restrict government services. Teachers have been asked to contribute their part in the common effort to preserve our achievements in education by prolonging the working week by five hours. The paper says that this is a heavy additional burden for the teachers, but has become necessary. As for the defence budget, the paper says that the cuts during the last few months show that serious efforts have been made both to save money and to make the army more efficient. At the same time it should be noted that no vital item in the defence budget has been cut.

Budget Will Be Balanced

The new budget will be balanced, says "Davar," owing mainly to the additional revenue from the collection of income tax (IL.65m.) and this, despite the fact that the recommendations of a Histadrut commission to make certain alleviations to workers, will apparently be adopted. Revenue from indirect taxation will be increased too. The ordinary budget is deflationary in character so as not to put too heavy a burden on the productive forces in our economy, while the Development Budget necessarily has an inflationary character (IL.140m.) This involves a risk, but without the Development Budget our economy cannot progress.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) shares the opinion that the new budget is not inflationary. It is doubtful, however, whether our national income is 25 per cent higher than last year: if it is not, the new budget means that the Government wishes to take a larger share from the national income. The paper notes that the equalization fund does not appear in the budget and it expresses apprehension that government administration, which is essentially unproductive, will come to take an even more important position in our national economy. The paper also says that the Government continues to keep some of its economic activities secret and if this attitude is not changed, explanations by the Minister of Finance will be of little value.

Failure in West

"Haboker" (General Zionists) deals with foreign political issues and says that Israel failure in the West was a natural development reflecting the organic weakness of the former Government. It should be made clear that the present Government has much wider support in this country and that an important change has taken place following the establishment of the coalition. At the same time an all out effort should be made to strengthen propaganda in the U.S. and to explain our point of view more efficiently, a matter which has been too long neglected.

Russia took first place in the news columns and there were editorials on Stalin in both "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) and "Kol Ha'am" (Maki). A cartoon in "Haboker" shows a group of physicians in Stalin's flat. One of them asks: Is he prepared to make his confession? The second replies: He? We'd better prepare ours...

THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE:

Recovery in Tavei Dollar & Other Securities

TEL AVIV:—

Tavei Dollar were again the centre of interest. Pressure continued at first in connection with the imminent legal settlement of the final compensation for British securities, but a recovery set in, in the course of the week. The price for Tavei Dollar cum coupon, which had dropped temporarily to 194, was 198¼ at the close of the week. Milve Leumi also recovered a great part of the losses sustained during the previous week when the Government lodged an appeal against the decision of Jerusalem District Court. Jerusalem. The small issue closed at 305, large issue cum coupon at 270½ and large issue ex coupon at 278, against 290½, and 264 and 271 respectively at the close of the previous week; top quotations on February 24 (before the Government appeal was made public) were 314, 277 and 281½ respectively. Palestine Electric continued their upward trend, London registered shares closing at 149, Israel registered shares at 155, against 145½ and 152¼ in the previous week. P.L.D.C. and A.P.R. Im. shares were also slightly higher, but Assis Bejarano were somewhat weaker.

LONDON:—

The tendency was little changed. The remarks of the Chairman of the Hongkong Bank regarding the position in Japan led to losses in Japanese Bonds. Prices for South-African Gold Mining shares were also slightly lower. On the other hand, Palestine Electric were firmer; dividend prospects are said to be the reason.

GOLD:—

The slower trend was maintained in spite of the fact that the visit of Eden and Butler led to hopes for an increase in the gold price even on the New York Stock Exchange. The free gold price was $37.25 — 37.35 per fine ounce, against 37.35—37.45 in the previous week.

COMMODITIES:—

Upon decontrol of the copper-price in the U.S.A., prominent copper firms increased the price by 3 cents, equivalent to 27½—28½ cents per lb. The export of copper from the British Commonwealth increased quite considerably recently, and it is hoped that the copper market can be re-opened in London, following the example of other metals. The U.K. commodity index rose to 511.7, against 510.8 in the previous week.

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CUP REPLAY DRAWN QUARTER-FINAL

After holding the lead twice, London's First Division team, Tottenham Hotspurs, were held to a two-all draw by Second Division Birmingham City in the replay of their Quarter-final English Football Association Cup game on the White Hart Lane ground last Wednesday. The eventual winners of the tie have been drawn to meet Blackpool in the semi-finals on March 31.

Duquemin, the "Spurs" centre-forward headed in well from a corner by Medley to give the Londoners their 1-0 halftime lead in the 17th. minute of play. After an hour's play, Boyd equalized for the Birmingham men, but Bennett again put the home side in front 10 minutes later. Seven minutes from full time Murst again brought the Midlanders on to level terms. Extra time was played but there was no further scoring. The sides meet for the third time to try and settle the issue on the Wolverhampton Wanderers ground tomorrow, Monday. In a Fourth Round Amateur Cup second replay, Walton and Hersham finally downed their rivals Tooting and Mitcham by 3-1.

The Cup semi-finalists featured in a number of League games during the week. Blackpool gained a good away win at the expense of Div. I leaders, Burnley, by 1-0. Bolton Wanderers drew 0-0 at Liverpool and Second Division Everton, who meet Bolton in the Cup semi-final, drew 2-2 at Notts County. In an inter-University game, Cambridge were held to a goal-less draw by visiting Paris University. OTHER RESULTS: Div. I: Middlesbrough 1, Aston V. 0. Div. III (N): Oldham Ath. 1, Gateshead 1.

(A. KALMAN)

NORWEGIAN WINS U.S. SKI EVENT

Jon Riisnaes, Norwegian exchange student, representing the University of New Hampshire, won the North American Ski Jumping tournament last week at Iron Mountain, Michigan. Twenty-one-year old Riisnaes scored his eighth straight victory without loss this year before a crowd of 15,000. He had jumps of 290 and 253 feet.

Runner-up to the Norwegian was Art Devlin, of Lake Placed, New York, with jumps of 287 and 239 feet, followed by Billy Olson, University of Denver, 281 and 239 feet, and Art Tokle, Chicago Norge Club, fourth.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON FRIDAY

Skauvig, Danish, unloading general cargo Borjesson, Swedish, loading citrus Gefen, Israel, loading citrus; Borealis, Norway, loading citrus; Pinios, Greek, unloading wheat; Rimon, Israel, unloading general cargo; Jerusalem, Israel, waiting; Galilah, Israel, waiting; Gavriel, Israel, waiting; Hamored, Israel, waiting; Assaad, U.K., finished unloading.

SHIPS WHICH SAILED IN LAST 24 HOURS: Kokkaket, Turkey; Dobrudja, Bulgaria; A. Pelligrino, Italy; Rila, Bulgaria; Skogaland, Sweden; Ereg, Israel; Falkland, Sweden.

SHIPS EXPECTED: Vaptsarov, timber and general cargo; Grecian, citrus; P. Chr. Victory, cattle; Astrid, general cargo; Lakefield, potatoes; Rachmut, mats; Astrah, passengers and general cargo; R. Burchard, general cargo; Messapia, passengers and general cargo; Constitution, tourists; R. Williams, wheat.

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9-1; 2-5: Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Musical Instruments; Masks of Primitive Peoples; Psalm Scroll.
9-5: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-1: Embroidery Tombs.
11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV
10-1; 4-7: Exhibition—Chinese and Japanese Art: Water Colours by Kosnovsky Sculptures by Aryeh Kesath. Museum.
10-1; 3-7: Exhibition of paintings, drawings, E. Schwerin: Katz Art Gallery, 97 Reh. Dizengoff.
3-5: Exhibition of paintings, Malvina Shiffer: Artists Pavilion, 9 Reh. Alharizi.
8 p.m.: "Joan of Arc": Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition of paintings by Nissar Halfrai, Audrey Bergner, Yoel Bergner, Municipal Museum.

RAMAT GAN
6.15 p.m.: "It'll Be Good," Li-La-Lo Theatre, Bame Hall.

FOR STEALING a bicycle, Moshe Rifkes, 19, a soldier, was yesterday sentenced to seven days' imprisonment by the Jerusalem Magistrate. (Ttim)

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FORECAST: Further frequent strong showers with temporary breaks during the day. Westerly gales.

*A) Monday at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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200 IMMIGRANTS are due in Haifa in the s.s. Artzah tomorrow morning.

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THE PHOENICIA glass works in Haifa have now begun production of coloured glass bottles and have started work on an order for two million bottles for the Nesher brewery.

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THE BAT YAM local council decided by seven votes to one (Mapam) last week to forbid pig raising in the towns' limits. The proposal was submitted by Hapoel Hamizrahi and seconded by the Histadrut bloc.

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BEN TZION SMUCHA, a suspect of the murder of four-year-old Rahel Levin in Ramat Gan last month was on Thursday remanded in custody for a further 15 days, by the Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court. He was not present. The police who requested the remand in custody said that Smucha was undergoing psychiatric examinations at the Be'er Yaacov mental home.

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DR. B. ZEZMER, a physician in the Ministry of Health who was requested to appear in the Tel Aviv District Court to testify in a manslaughter case, but failed to do so despite numerous reminders, was fined IL.5 by Judge Harpaz on Friday. The doctor told the judge that he was kept back by his work.

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A 12-YEAR-OLD boy, disappeared from his home in the Mekor Haim ma'bara near Jerusalem on Thursday night after a quarrel with his mother.

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NO L. A. I. planes have called at Lydda Airport for the past two weeks owing to a strike of Italian air crews demanding pay increases. All Italian airlines have been paralyzed by the strike.

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MARCO BESIRES, 52, of Rehov Ruth, Tel Aviv, was badly injured recently when a car driven by Walter Reis of Herzlia, hit her at Rehov Frishman, corner Spinoza. She was taken to Hadassah Hospital and the driver was detained.

SNOW, SLEET, RAIN, GALES HIT COUNTRY

Communications And Power Disrupted

Jerusalem POST Staff

Rain, hail, and high winds were reported from all parts of the country yesterday, except the Negev. In Jerusalem a fairly heavy snow fell during the night.

Several accidents were caused to skidding vehicles and electric and telephone services were disrupted for some time by lightning. Some huts in the Jerusalem Corridor lost their roofs in the strong wind, but they were soon repaired.

In Tel Aviv rain fell during most of the day. There were heavy winds and low temperatures. The sun shone fitfully, but the sky would quickly darken with low, scudding clouds. The rain, very heavy at times, was driven almost horizontal by high winds and hail fell intermittently. The sea was rough with angry waves pounding the beach.

Road Closed

The strong winds sent sand piling up across 300 metres of the Tel Aviv-Natanya road at km. 24. The road was closed at seven o'clock last evening until a P.W.D. gang clears it this morning.

A number of trees and shop awnings were blown down by the wind, but no serious damage was reported.

In Haifa cold, stormy winds were interspersed with heavy showers, thunderstorms and hail. The Jewish Agency set watch at all northern *ma'barot*, but no incidents were reported by yesterday evening. The Director of the Absorption Department in the north, Mr. Kalman Levin, toured most of the *ma'barot* yesterday. If snow should fall, *ma'barot* dwellers in tin and tarpaulin huts will have a difficult time.

High Wind at Lydda

The wind reached 104 kilometres per hour at Lydda Airport.

The rain figures for the 12 hours ending at 8 p.m. last night follow (with those for the previous 24 hours in brackets): Mt. Cana'an 18 mm. (9 mm.), Tiberias — 7 mm., Haifa — 6 mm. (5 mm.), Lydda Airport — 6 mm. (2 mm.), Jerusalem — 12 mm. Ekron — 8 mm.

Bad Weather Stops Sports Matches

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — No outdoor sports events were held anywhere in the country this week-end because of the bad weather and the Israel Sports Federation ruled yesterday that all "A", "B" and youth league football matches would be postponed. Three indoor events were held today.

At the Sharon cinema hall in Natanya nearly 1,000 spectators watched boxing matches between representatives of Betar Tel Aviv and Maccabi Natanya, won by the Tel Aviv team by seven matches to five. Boxing was on a high level. The best fight was that between Avraham Levi, of Betar and Robert Almalliah, of Maccabi, won by the former on points.

At the Y.M.C.A. hall in Jerusalem Hapoel Jerusalem met Hapoel Tel Aviv in wrestling matches for the Hapoel Itzhak Sadeh cup. The bouts ended in a 12:4 win for Jerusalem. In the bantam-weight Z. Bakshi of Jerusalem, beat N. Meshumar of Tel Aviv, on points, while the light-weight bout was won by H.Gonshani of Jerusalem who beat A. Peretz of Tel Aviv by a small margin.

Tel Aviv won the light-heavyweight event when N. Bonfel beat Y. Balbar in 1:29 minutes. In the heavy-weight bout A. Vankovitz of Tel Aviv beat A. Fischer of Jerusalem in 9 min., 20 sec. The last two events were practice matches to pick the heavy-weight fighters to represent Israel at the forthcoming world wrestling championship tournament in Italy.

The third indoor event of the weekend was a basket ball match in Jerusalem won by Maccabi, Jerusalem, over Maccabi, North Tel Aviv, 92:70.

Four men and two women, table-tennis players, are to leave by sea for Greece on Tuesday, en route to Rumania to represent Israel in the world table tennis championship contest opening in Bucharest on March 20.

Vegetables Scarce In Jerusalem Markets

Jerusalem POST Reporter

A week of almost continuous rain stopped market gardeners from supplying Jerusalem with vegetables, so that on Thursday cabbage, beetroot and carrot were selling in the Mahane Yehuda market at double the price of the previous week. A large consignment of "scrip" apples, released with the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, cost IL.2 to IL.3 a kilo but found few buyers. No citrus fruit reached Jerusalem on Friday.

Poultry has not been seen in Mahane Yehuda since the trial period of decontrol ended two months ago, except for invalids' rations; some of the empty cages were last week occupied by plump pigeons, off the ration, at about IL.2.500 a bird.

After a gap of some two months, oatmeal was again rationed, 100 grammes a person; in districts with an Oriental population, which eat less oatmeal than Ashkenasim, this item can be bought freely, at the official price.

Frozen fish was unobtainable in Jerusalem, but the first ration of fillet in a month helped over the week-end. Plentiful supplies of fresh mullet and sardines were too expensive — (IL.2.500 a kilogram) — to find many customers.

HIGHER PRICES FOR EGGS, BUTTER

Higher prices for eggs, butter and tomatoes take effect tomorrow, it was announced yesterday.

Grade "Extra" eggs are to cost 62 pruta each; Grade "A", 55; Grade "B", 50; and Grade "C", 45. Butter will cost 300 pruta for 100 grams and best quality tomatoes, 360 pruta a kilogram.

HOTEL FOR MT. CARMEL

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Israel-Miami Group have signed a contract to build a 96-room tourist hotel on Mt. Carmel, near the western end of Panorama Road. The investment is reported to be about $1m.

Work is to begin when the Dan Hotel in Rehov Hayarkon, in Tel Aviv, which is owned by the same group, is completed in about three months.

TWO TRAINING PLANES ACQUIRED

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday (ITIM). — The Civil Aviation Department of the Ministry of Communications and El Al, the Israel Air Line, have acquired two training planes of the Consul type which would make it possible to test a pilot's ability, Mr. A. Michaeli, head of the Department said here yesterday.

This, he said, constituted a "revolutionary" improvement as hitherto pilots received their licences abroad and there was no way to learn about their abilities here before they were given jobs.

All other Israel bodies interested in aviation would be able to use the new training and testing facilities of the airport.

Violence at Kibbutz Over 'Political Balance'

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Police were called to Kibbutz Yad Hannah in the northern Sharon yesterday to quell a fight which broke out between settlement members and a group sent to the kibbutz allegedly by the Secretariat of the Kibbutz Hameuhad. The settlement has a large number of members who are followers of Dr. Moshe Sneh's "Left Faction", and it is understood that the "reinforcements" were sent in an effort to restore the balance of power.

In a statement to the press tonight, the Kibbutz secretariat stated that the "reinforcements," mostly members of the Kibbutz Hameuhad's "Ideological Seminary", forced their way into settlement buildings and were finally ejected from the dining room by force. Police warned all concerned against a breach of the peace.

The statement claimed that the group which invaded the kibbutz was led by Mr. Benny Marshak, kibbutz youth leader, and Mr. Uzi Geller, son of the Movement's secretary.

Woman Thrown From Roof of Church

HAIFA, Saturday. — A woman was thrown off the roof of a local church and was killed today, Mrs. Haya Zarero, 48, of Rehov Tabor, was hit by a door which was blown open by the strong winds and fell from the roof of the St. Luke's Church. She was taken by Magen David Adom to Rothschild Hospital where she later died. Police say that she was on her way to see a priest who lives in a room on the church roof.

A Haifa man was killed in his flat at 38 Rehov Herzlia when he was hit by a bullet from a hunting rifle which his son was cleaning. The body of the 64-year-old man, M. Rubin, was taken to Rambam Hospital, while his 15-year-old son was detained for questioning.

PROTEST JUMP

After jumping through a third-storey window in Jerusalem on Friday in an apparent attempt to commit suicide, a 40-year-old man got up and walked off. He was injured only slightly.

He jumped from the offices of the Social Welfare Office of the Municipality as a protest against not receiving financial aid. (Tiba)

2 Jaffa Residents Held As Murder Case Suspects

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Two Jaffa residents Hamin Hallia and Ali Hallia were detained last week as suspects of the murder in Jaffa last week of Ibrahim Mubarak and his wife.

They were remanded in custody for 10 and five days, respectively, by a local magistrate yesterday, on a police plea that the investigation was in progress.

Ali Hallia told the magistrate, Mr. Y. Ben Hanoch, that he had no connection with the murder and that his cows would die if he was kept in detention. The magistrate ordered the police to see that the animals were taken care of.

'Felafel' No Excuse

Ephraim Cohen, 30, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court on Friday for having tried to pick the pocket of Mr. Abraham Saragusi at the Mahane Yehuda bus stop of the Ein Kerem line. Mr. Saragusi, who had IL.17 in his pocket, caught the accused while his hand was still in the pocket.

Cohen, eating a "felafel" with one hand, put the other into Mr. Saragusi's pocket. He pleaded in Court that he could not have committed the offence, since he was eating.

HAIFA AIRPORT CLOSURE PROTESTED

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Ministry of Communications' decision to close Haifa's airport as from April 1, which was made public on Thursday, caused a number of protests to be made by the town's economic groups and travel offices.

The decision was a big blow to the town, its tourism business and development, Mr. S. Uziel, of the Aviation Council, told the Maritime Economics Club here yesterday. The Municipality intended to do its utmost to have the decision reversed, he said.

Only 11 men were employed on the airfield at a total cost of IL. 25,000 annually. The sum would not be saved by the intended closure.

The Government had planned the airfields' closure three years ago, but it was then averted.

The Arkia airline was to have started a service to various parts of the country this week, but the field's closure would jeopardize the service. Cyprus Airways, which runs a weekly flight from Haifa, was alone paying IL.2,800 landing fees annually to the Ministry. This service was much used by oil company representatives, as it took only one and a quarter hours, while the journey to Lydda Airport alone took longer.

Peltours, the Airline's agents, had also protested. The field was also used by the Chim Avir company for aerial spraying.

ELATH COULD BE SIX HOURS FROM T.A.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Elath would be brought within six hours motor journey from Tel Aviv by the construction of an all-purpose highway through the central Negev, Mr. Elwood Graham, chief location engineer of Construction Aggregates Corporation of Chicago said here yesterday.

Speaking at a luncheon of the Commercial and Industrial Club, Mr. Graham, who is making a location survey for the road, said that present traffic did not justify the expense. But, he added, the laying of the road would open up the area and ultimately would be self-liquidating.

The American engineer said he had put in 15 years on location surveys in Arizona but he never saw "anything as rough and unfriendly as the Negev."

Mr. Ken Harris, a superintendent of the company, described the drainage work in the Huleh area which, he said, would reclaim 120,000 to 180,000 dunams and make the peat deposits there exploitable for fuel and fertilizer.

Mr. David Muchin, local manager of the company, told the audience that Construction Aggregates was a "miniature TCA." Their American engineers were training Israelis to carry on their work.

Bonn Won't Recognize Oder-Neise Line

BONN, Saturday (Reuter). — Chancellor Adenauer today reiterated Germany's claim to former German territories beyond the Oder-Neise line occupied by Poland and Russia.

"Germany will not renounce her legal claims to these territories but will never try to regain them by force," he said. "A German policy of brutal force would be unwise and impossible for military and technical reasons".

The Chancellor was speaking over the South-West German Radio.

Treatment By Radio

A seriously ill patient in a Finnish hospital is being treated in accordance with instructions radioed by his doctor in Israel, Dr. Jaakko Tarkiuen was found only after a countrywide "manhunt" for him which was initiated by a radio "ham" (amateur).

The search for Dr. Tarkiuen began when a police officer, Amnon Bar Giora, of Jerusalem, was talking on his amateur transmitter with a friend in New York. They were suddenly interrupted by a voice which asked that the doctor immediately contact the Finnish Medical Council. The doctor, a nose, ear and throat specialist, the voice said, must immediately send instructions to save the life of a patient.

Police, who were alerted, began the search for the doctor. Kol Yisrael broadcast several calls for him. He was found through the Finnish Consulate in Tel Aviv where he was a guest. He immediately radioed details of treatment on Thursday, and owing to atmospheric interference, repeated them on Friday. He expressed the hope that the patient would recover.

Payment of Civil Servants' Salaries Begins

The payment of the February salaries to civil servants began on Friday and it is hoped that it will be completed by the end of this week, *The POST* learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Minister of Finance is now studying the possibility of paying salaries by cheques instead of in cash. The new system would be based on the assumption that it would ease the pressure of the cash demand on pay day, as not all civil servants would draw their cheques immediately. It is believed that this system would be implemented after the establishment of a State Bank.

Jerusalem Gets Loan From Government

About 400 Jerusalem unemployed are scheduled to return to public works projects when the rains end, as a result of the granting of IL.90,000 in Government loans to the Municipality on Friday.

The Ministry of Labour authorized the Treasury to grant the city a IL.20,000 loan and gave the Bank Leumi a guarantee for a IL.70,000 loan. Mayor Y. Kariv ordered the dismissal of the men last week because of the lack of funds.

The city's continuing financial problems showed little signs of improving as the Mayor issued a new appeal to the Ministry of Education for an additional IL.100,000 grant and for IL.200,000 Government loan to pay Municipal employees their February salaries. A general strike is scheduled to begin on Wednesday if the payments are not made by that time.

Official Communique on Stalin

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).— Following is the official English version of the communique on Marshal Stalin's death as issued by Tass, official Soviet news agency.

From the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Council of Ministers of the USSR and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR — to all members of the party, to all working people of the Soviet Union.

Comrades and friends, The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Council of Ministers of the USSR and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR with profound grief inform the party and all working people of the Soviet Union that the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Josef Vissarionovitch Stalin, passed away at 9.50 p.m. on March 5 after a grave illness.

The heart of the comrade in arms and continuer of genius of Lenin's cause, of the wise leader and teacher of the Communist Party and the Soviet people Josef Vissarionovich Stalin ceased to best.

The name of Stalin is boundlessly dear to our Party, to the Soviet people of the whole world. Together with Lenin comrade Stalin created the mighty Party of Communism and tempered it. Together with Lenin Comrade Stalin was the inspirer and leader of the great October Socialist Revolution, the founder of the first Socialist state.

Continuing the immortal cause of Lenin, Comrade Stalin led the Soviet people to the epochal victory of Socialism in our country. Comrade Stalin led our country to victory over Fascism in the Second World War which fundamentally changed the entire international situation.

Comrade Stalin armed the Party and the whole people with the great and clear programme of building Communism in the USSR. The death of Comrade Stalin who gave his entire life to selfless service of the great cause of Communism is the heaviest blow for the party, the working people of the Soviet Union and the whole world.

News of the decease of Comrade Stalin will cause deep anguish in the hearts of the workers, collective farmers, intellectuals and all the working people of our country, in the hearts of our vigorous army and navy, in the hearts of millions of working people in all countries of the world.

In these mournful days all the people of our country are uniting still closer in the great fraternal family under the tried and tested leadership of the Communist Party created and reared by Lenin and Stalin.

MALENKOV

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Mr. Mikhail Pervukhin, Russia's great economist, delivered a 55-minute speech reviewing economic progress in the country in the Bolshoi theatre last November, the 35th anniversary of the Revolution. He said Stalin's programme of tripling Soviet economic power would be completed by 1960.

Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, 57, a shrewd Armenian, has been food chief since 1934. Small and compact, the smallest man in the hierarchy, he is one of the biggest personalities.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, whom Mr. Molotov replaces as Foreign Minister, becomes Deputy Foreign Minister and permanent Soviet delegate to the U.N.

The sweeping reshuffle, aimed at tightening government and party control, was announced over the signatures of the Central Committee of the Communist party, the Council of Ministers, and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet (parliament).

The statement said that at "this difficult moment for our Party and country" they consider that the most important task of the Party and Government is to ensure the uninterrupted and correct direction of the entire life of the country which, in turn, involves the greatest cohesion of leadership and the prevention of any "dissension and panic" in order to realize the "policy drawn up by our Party and Government as regards internal and external affairs."

In announcing all these changes the statement said it had been decided that the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. should consist of one organ — the Presidium of the Council of Ministers — instead of two — the Presidium and the Bureau of the Presidium.

The fourth session of the Supreme Soviet will be convened in Moscow on March 14, the announcement said.

A new Presidium of the Communist Party Central Committee was also established in the shake-up. It consists of 10 members and four alternates. The former Presidium, elected at the party congress last October, consisted of 25 full members and 11 alternatives.

Premier Malenkov was named first in the announcement of the new members, who also included Beria, Molotov, Voroshilov, Nikita Khrushchev, Bulganin, Kaganovich, Mikoyan, Saburov and Pervukhin. All were members of the old Presidium. The alternates are Shvernik, P. K. Ponomarenko, I. G. Melnikov and M.G. Bagirov.

(Reuter UP)

Father's Plight

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — "I am the father of 10 children, and if my child does not want to go to school, I can't run after him," Yosef Cohen, 48, of Tel Aviv told the magistrate here yesterday. The accused is charged with failing to ensure that his 13-year old son, Raphael, attended school regularly.

He was bound over in IL.100 to be of good behaviour for a year.

Soviet Mission Buildings Requisitioned in J'lem

A large section of the Soviet Archaeological Mission building in Jerusalem has been requisitioned for government offices, mainly of the Ministry of Agriculture, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday. Five or six rooms have been left for the Mission.

The building, which is part of the Russian Compound in the heart of Jerusalem, is next to the Serge Building which houses the Ministry of Agriculture. The requisition notice, which was posted on the door was signed by the Jerusalem District Representative, Dr. A. Biran.

Tito Advances Date Of Visit to London

BELGRADE, Saturday (Reuter) — Marshal Tito's visit to Britain is to be advanced from March 23 to March 16, a British Embassy spokesman stated here last night.

It was learned that the change of the days was made at the request of Marshal Tito himself.

Cables in Brief

ARRESTED. — Hayim, Assistant Secretary-General of the Tunisian Neo-Destour (Nationalist) Party, has been arrested in a case involving the distribution of political tracts. One of the few Tunisian nationalist leaders still at liberty, he was held on Thursday night as "an important witness".

MEAT. — Argentine meat shipments for Britain will be temporarily halted as the result of a decree on Friday ordering packers to turn over to the local market all meat destined for export until such time as the local supply situation returns to normal — a measure designed to provide greater supplies for Buenos Aires and the suburbs which have been on short rations for the past few weeks.

Gardiner Sees Economic Frustration in Mid-East

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — Mr. Arthur Gardiner, Economic Adviser to the State Department on Near Eastern Affairs told a conference of experts arranged by the Middle East Institute yesterday that "the political crisis in the Middle East cannot be disconnected from the frustrations that have arisen in the economic field.

Speaking of Israel, he said that "watching the progress of Israel's industrial development, even her most friendly critics are increasingly sceptical of the possibilities of establishing economically sound industries on any large scale in that country."

HEBREW LANGUAGE ACADEMY

Dr. Shmuel Eisenstadt, for many years director of the head office of the Hebrew Language Committee ("Va'ad Halashon") and of the preparatory committee of the Hebrew Language Academy, has retired. Dr. A. Eytan has been provisionally appointed his successor.

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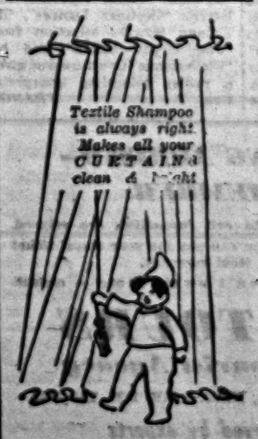

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RISE OF THE 'MAN OF STEEL'

Purges in Red Army And Navy Foreseen

POST Correspondent

A BIG purge in the Soviet Armed Forces is expected following the death of Marshal Stalin.

Most foreign observers agree that now the military faction within the Presidium will be played down in favour of the party bureaucrats. The military caste represented by Voroshilov, Budenny and Bulganin, has lost its standing now and many of the top-ranking generals and admirals outside the Kremlin will be probably shifted to new posts.

The French Military Attache in Moscow reports that the most probable victim of the expected purge will be General of the Army Shtemenko, recently fired from his post of Chief of General Staff, reportedly because of his quarrel with Malenkov and Vyshinsky over the Austria peace treaty. While both Malenkov and Vyshinsky were of the opinion that negotiations must at least be started, Shtemenko protested vehemently to Stalin, his objection being that in the event of a treaty being concluded Soviet troops would have to evacuate Austria and Hungary.

Acting on his own initiative, Shtemenko took it on himself to shift the crack 116th Guards Infantry Division from Eastern Hungary to Austria. This caused his downfall, according to the French Attache, who also predicts a clean-up of other high-ranking generals who "got too independent".

Reports from Turkey indicate that the crisis is reflected among the Soviet Navy Command and Staff. The Soviet Black Sea Fleet, the reports say, cut short its annual winter maneuvers and returned to bases following the first official reports of Stalin's illness. Turkish sources are at a loss as to whether the exercises were suspended because the Commanding Admiral was recalled to Moscow, or because the fleet returned to get into a combat-readiness status and to stand by for any possible emergency. It is to be expected that Admiral Nikolai Grigoryevich Kuznetsov, the present Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Navy, will be fired from his post for the third (and probably the last) time, because of his associations with the military faction.

Very much in doubt is the future status of General Vassili Josiphovich Stalin, who was recently elevated to the important post of General Commanding the Moscow Air Command by his father's direct order over the heads of his superiors in the Soviet Air Force.

Second Revolution : Collective Farms

In March 1913 he was arrested and exiled to Turukhansk in Northern Siberia, where he remained until February 1917. He was responsible for the Bolshevik campaign for the State Duma in 1913, directing the Bolshevik group in that Duma from outside, and in 1912-13 acting as one of the editors of the Bolshevik journals "Zvezda" (Star) and "Pravda" (Truth). He belonged to the central committee, and in the Soviet Government he became Commissar for Nationalities. Stalin fought [illegible] Yudenitch, Denikin and [illegible] Polish army. In 1919 and [illegible] he was commissar for workers' and peasants' inspection, and from 1920 to 1923 was a member of the revolutionary military council. As general secretary of the Central Committee of the Russian Communist party, he became the most powerful figure in the U.S.S.R., after Lenin's death, and held his position when his policy was assailed by other Communist leaders, securing the exile of Trotsky and other opponents.

Soon after this Stalin attained virtually unquestioned power. In 1929, he set in motion the first "Five Year Plan" to industrialize an agricultural country. In 1935, Stalin forced through a second revolution: Russian agriculture was organized into collective farms.

Elimination by 'Trial'

In 1936, Stalin eliminated his principal rivals and possible critics by indicting them as Trotskyites and convicting them at the first of the notorious trials. He started remodelling the Red Army during the same period.

In August 1939, Stalin concluded a non-aggression pact with Hitler. In October, 1939, he invaded Finland. In 1940, he occupied Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and the Besserabian provinces of Rumania. In July 1941, Hitler's armies invaded the Soviet Union, and Stalin took the title of Marshal and Generalissimo. He remained in Moscow. In 1943, he left the U.S.S.R. for the first time to meet Churchill and Roosevelt at Teheran.

Subsequent "Big Three" meetings were held at Yalta, in the Crimea and (after the fall of Berlin to the Red Army) at Potsdam (with Attlee and Truman) in June 1945.

Views on Capitalism and War

Before the opening of the 19th Congress of the Communist party last year, the first for 13 years, Stalin issued a long and detailed statement of his beliefs declaring that the likelihood of a conflict between capitalist states is greater than that of a conflict between 'socialism' and capitalism. This Congress saw the abolition of the Politburo and the establishment of an expanded body of 57 members called the "Presidium of the Central Committee" in its stead, as well as Stalin's unanimous election as its head.

Stalin was married twice, had two sons and a daughter. The eldest son, Yakov Dzhugashvili, reportedly died as a P.O.W. in Germany during World War II. The second, Vasily, is an air force General.

JOSEPH Vissarionovich Stalin was born on December 21, 1879 in the city of Gori, Tiflis Province, son of a Georgian peasant shoemaker; his mother came from a family of serfs in the same province. Young Stalin secured an education through being selected for a course at a Russian religious seminary, where he was later expelled for "unreliability". At 17 he joined a Social Democratic group and agitated among the workers in Georgia.

In 1902 he was imprisoned for organising demonstrations in Batoum and in 1903 was exiled to Eastern Siberia for three years. In January 1904 he escaped and returned to political activities, frequently changing his pseudonym. He evaded arrest until 1908, when he was again exiled to Vologda province for three years. He escaped once more in 1909, returning to Baku and renewing his activities, but was speedily arrested and sent to Solvichegodsk for six years. Inside a year he escaped to St. Petersburg, but was arrested a third time after a few months and sent back to the Vologda province for a further three years. He escaped in December 1911, was again exiled in April 1912, but was once more in St. Petersburg (Leningrad) in September.

END OF AN ERA

HISTORY is a sepulchre for most of the men who strut noisily through their generation. For the few it is a stage on which their personality and prowess continue to shape the drama of mankind long after they are dead. No-one can seriously deny Stalin his place among the few, and none will be permitted to ignore his influence upon the minds of men and affairs of nations. Moscow eulogies have set him along side and atop the great apostles of Communism. But what counts more and is open to no controversy is that Stalin lifted Russia to a place alongside the other great Powers of the earth and atop all of them except one.

He was a man of phenomenal energy and will. His early career was not that of the theorist but of the practical revolutionary. He began as an agitator rather than a teacher and developed as a revolutionary statesman rather than as a principled philosopher. He was a Russian nationalist socialist rather than a socialist internationalist and his efforts to extend Soviet influence beyond the borders of the USSR were impelled by traditional expansionist motives and by economics rather than by the zeal of world revolution which drove some of his contemporaries. If he sought great power it was through the development of the productive and social resources of Russia; the welding of its manpower into an instrument of naked conquest he would have explained on the grounds of security. Naturally, Stalin's policy of realism had its theorizing apologists through whom it became integrated into the ideology of Communism; and to that extent Stalin did, indeed, contribute impressively to the Communist philosophy based on Engels and Marx and first adjusted to specific national usage by Lenin. Marx meticulously worked out its formula. Lenin clothed it with flesh. Stalin gave it sinews — at what cost to human dignity and liberty of man, the Russians and their subjected peoples know best. For what no-one has yet given it is the broad humanism that would link it with the other great movements of enlightened mankind and rid it of the terrors and brutalities of despotism.

It is this absence of humanism from the system ruthlessly built up and consolidated by Stalin that repels the Western mind and robs Stalin himself of the warmth of universal greatness. To be sure, Russia is not Western Europe and has not Western Europe's background. If we accept the aberrations of a totalitarian propaganda that has built a grotesque conception of the Western system in their imagination, the Russian people's only standard of comparison is the grim tyranny of the Czars. By that standard Stalin's Communist, totalitarian State provided striking compensations: the national pride and prestige of a great Power; the rising wealth of an efficient Power, and faith in the capacity of the system to progress through hardship to material welfare — to these better standards of living and that expansive leisure for each individual which Stalin, in his last analysis of Socialist doctrine, set as the goal.

It is impossible to judge whether Stalin also saw as the ultimate goal the mellowing of his system by a process of humanistic liberalism. All the signs were contrariwise. They may have been contrariwise because of Soviet preoccupation with war; always and in all untrius a deterrent to human liberty. However that may be, the world outside the orbit of Moscow, whilst compelled to admire the greatness, even the grandeur, of Stalin, as the man who consolidated Russia's revolution and built it up until it became the driving force behind the second greatest Power on earth — whilst compelled to this admiration, has also felt compelled to repugnance. With Stalin's death perhaps a new phase in the metamorphosis of Russia can begin: a phase contributing to international goodwill and to the humanizing of a system that is no longer merely a vast and insecure experiment. For this Stalin has bequeathed small hope, but, for his successors, great opportunity.

Readers' Letters

WRONG IMPRESSIONS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Th. F.M. in his article "A Day in Beersheba" (your issue of February 17) referred to the Arie Company opening the first regular taxi service between Jerusalem and Beersheba. It is well known that the "Yael" Cooperative has been running a regular service on this route for the past three years.

The writer also states that only eight of the 20 taxis flying the "Yael" flag were driven by war veterans and members of the cooperative, while the 12 others were "Privateers." These so called "Privateers" are without exception disabled war veterans organized in a separate taxi cooperative "Izhal," which was recently incorporated into "Yael."

The Mayor of Beersheba was quoted as saying that the Municipality had no influence in granting taxi licences. By recommending this newly formed company to the responsible licensing authorities and by granting parking licences, allotting parking lots and stations, the Beersheba Municipality played an important part in helping Arie get their licences.

Yours etc., *L.N.*

Haifa, February 23.

Rambler's Reply

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — When calling "Arie"'s service a regular service, I understood a taxi service run according to a timetable, irrespective of the number of passengers present. As such, it most decidedly is the first.

My information about non-"Yael" flag and about the Beersheba Municipality, I owe to the Mayor, whom I have no reason to disbelieve.

Yours etc., *Th. F.M.*

Jerusalem, March 1.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE Y.M.C.A.'s "Live Programme" sponsored Kol Yisrael's third "Collegium Musicum" on Wednesday. Antonio Vivaldi's Sinfonia No. 3 in G Major for Strings received a vivid and charming performance. George Muffat's Toccata Sexta for organ was well read by Max Lampel, followed by Giuseppe Torelli's Concerto for violin (soloist: Peggy Hayman) and strings No. 8, op. 8 in form of a Concerto Grosso.

Sarah Lash (mezzo soprano) exhibited delicate feeling, a fine timbre and promising technique in Monteverdi's "Lasciate Mi Morire" and arias from Domenico Gabrieli's Clearco in Negroporto" as well as from Purcell's "Dio and Aeneas". The bill closed with Francesco Geminiani's Concerto Grosso in G Minor. Participants were Mare Rozelaar (cello obbligato) and the Kol Yisrael String Ensemble with Arieh Sachs (harpsichord).

Kol Yisrael's Tuesday night concert, conducted by George Singer, presented a popular Purim programme. Perhaps because of the cold weather, Mendelssohn's incidental music to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was lacking in clarity and animation.

Joachim Stutchewsky's "Four Jewish Dances" sound like a counterpart to Joel Engel's "Dybbuk" music, especially the latter's "Besisars Dances". The Johann Strauss selection from "The Gypsy Baron" and his "Flodermaus" Overture was given a rather colourless interpretation.

FRANGO

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

The Ten Commandments Opposed

By GERDA LUFT

IN most countries parliamentary discussion on the proper functioning of the police would be more or less a routine matter. In Israel today it becomes a survey of the community's moral position. If Mr. Aranne (Mapai) thought it necessary to talk about "opposition to the Ten Commandments" which appears to have arisen, he did it not for love for an additional aphorism but in the disturbing knowledge that increased crime is a challenge not only to the police but to society.

The debate on the police force which was concluded last week showed that the Knesset can contribute a great deal of important material to public discussion without winding up with ringing resolutions. Several members had tried to study the matter on the basis of the figures furnished by the Minister of Police and of parallel information from abroad. Others like Mr. Sassoon (General Zionist) relied on their experience as lawyers. Every one was faced with the dilemma, emphasized by the Minister of Police in his summing up, of how to phrase criticism of obvious shortcomings without damaging the prestige of the policeman.

This is a problem not confined to the police though it is in this field more striking than elsewhere. Many citizens of this country must learn to respect the law and its representatives whereas their past experiences taught them the need for evading or circumventing the law. Moreover, the pattern of a society dominated by the "in-gathering of exiles" makes the task of the police much more difficult than it would be in a homogeneous community which knows but one language and one pattern of social life. The very fact, however, that the work of the police is more difficult here than elsewhere makes criticism not less but rather more imperative. The public will be more ready to cooperate if it understands the problems involved more thoroughly and is convinced that the necessary reforms are being carried out. The discussion has certainly not lowered the prestige of the force while it may help to speed up improvement.

Position of Judges

The increasing number of crimes and a perceptible hardening of the mental attitude in the Knesset has caused a rallying of opinion for harsher penalties. As the Minister of Justice pointed out this trend is easily understood and defended. The casual manner in which several MK's referred to certain judgments by the Bench proved that the difference between pleading for harsher penalties in general and attacks on judges even by implication, is not clearly understood. A fortnight ago the Minister of Justice made a strong plea for refraining from allusions to cases sub judice. He was forced to repeat this appeal last week. Members appear unable to accept the fact that there are certain limits to their freedom of speech. If they do not wish to infringe upon the independence of the Bench. The Minister of Justice's argument that no judge is able to defend himself in the House should be enough to stop these attacks, but the reaction among members makes it doubtful whether this important issue has been thoroughly understood. This is the more surprising as the independence of the Bench has never been challenged in the House, and its prestige is at least as important to public security as that of the police or even perhaps of the Knesset itself.

Budget Reform

In committee the Knesset has made final preparations for far-reaching budget reform to be introduced tomorrow by the Minister of Finance. The House will deal only with income before the Passover recess. Temporary expenditure measures will be passed for the period until June according to former estimates. The Government will thus be able to continue routine work while the Knesset will not have to rush through the complicated business of studying and confirming the Expenditure Budget in the space of a few weeks.

After the recess, the Knesset will for the first time have the opportunity of dealing with every Government Department in detail, to consider its organizations, functions, the number of officials employed, as well as inter-departmental relations. This has never been done before. There were occasional surveys by this or that minister on a special branch of the administration followed by a debate along general lines. Now it will be possible to examine the policy of each department together with the budget allocations for individual items. In this way each department's budget will serve as an instrument to examine the use to which the taxpayer's money is being put. This should force members to formulate their demands and criticisms more carefully.

It is doubtful whether we shall this time succeed in balancing income and expenditure in such a way as to make every member state exactly where money for increasing a particular service is to come from. But if the proposed procedure is properly used we shall be paving the way for a well thought-out budget with informed criticism of administrative detail.

The Education Committee is progressing in the work of preparing for a unified school system. It is already certain that considerable sums of money will be saved in this way. Although estimates at present vary between IL.300,000 and IL.8m., unification will certainly eliminate administrative overlaping, allow for a more reasonable distribution of teachers and buildings and bring down overheads. Moreover the committee's enquiry has had a sobering effect in the financial field.

Compulsory education as a principle was adopted in a race between the parties to propose ambitious schemes. Most of these have broken down under financial strain and the Government's decision to dispense with free kindergardens is a straw in the wind. The case for unified education has not yet however fully won the day. Interests clinging to the idea of indoctrination — whatever the trend — are still busily trying to inject their opinions into the new proposals. We cannot yet be sure that children will not be encouraged to start talking politics at the age of six.

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